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SUBJ: STATUS OF EX-MINCON BENNATON

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1. THE APPEALS COURT SUSTAINED THE DECISION OF THE FIRST CRIMINAL COURT OF TEGUCIGALPA THAT THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT PROOF OF EX-MINCON BENNATON'S GUILT TO SUSTAIN A CHARGE OF FISCAL FRAUD. ATTORNEY GENERAL HERNANDEZ THEN RAISED THE ISSUE TO THE LEVEL OF THE SUPREME COURT.
 2. THE PROSECUTOR OF THE SUPREME COURT SUBMITTED AN OPINION TO THE COURT STATING THAT THE CHARGE OF FISCAL FRAUD SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN DISMISSED. THE SUPREME COURT MUST EVENTUALLY DECIDE WHETHER TO SUPPORT THE DECISION OF THE APPEALS COURT AND THE FIRST CRIMINAL COURT OR DETERMINE THAT BENNATON SHOULD BE TRIED ON THE CHARGE OF FISCAL FRAUD.
 3. THE FISCAL FRAUD CHARGE IS BY FAR THE MOST SERIOUS CHARGE THAT COULD FACE BENNATON. THE OTHER CHARGES OF COHECHO (USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PERSONAL FAIN) AND INDIGNIDAD (OFFENSES AGAINST THE DIGNITY OF THE REPUBLIC) ARE RELATIVELY MINOR CHARGES. IF CONVICTED OF EITHER COHECHO OR INDIGNIDAD OR OF BOTH HE COULD LEGALLY PAY A FINE APPROXIMATELY \$840) RATHER THAN SERVE A
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